



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 9442

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Art Unit: 1722

Application No.: 09/822,414

Examiner: M. Song

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For: FILM FORMING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF FORMING A
CRYSTALLINE SILICON FILM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Date: March 21, 2007

Sir:

Prior to further examination of this application in accordance with the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 13.